

HOWARD COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT
DAILY CRIME BULLETIN
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2015
Addresses are in hundred blocks.

ROBBERY SERIES ALERT: Howard County police are alerting the public to a series of recent daytime armed robberies around Lake Elkhorn in Columbia, and are working to determine whether they may be connected. While detectives have made an arrest in one case, they are urging residents who walk in the area to be aware and report any suspicious activity.

There have been four robberies over the last month, including two on Labor Day, involving unknown suspects. In each case, there were two suspects described as young black males wearing dark clothes with their faces partially covered.

Sept. 7, 7:10 a.m. An adult male victim was walking in the area of Dockside Lane and Cradlerock Way when he was approached by two suspects matching the above description. One suspect armed with a handgun demanded the victim's belongings. The victim complied and no one was injured.

Sept. 7, 8:20 a.m. Two adult male victims were walking in the 7300 block of Swan Point Way when two suspects matching the same description committed the same crime with a gun. Again, no one was injured.

Aug. 16, 3:20 p.m. An adult female victim was robbed at gunpoint by two suspects in the 9700 block of Broken Land Parkway. The suspects took cash and fled. No injuries.

Aug. 10, 12:15 p.m. Two male victims were robbed at gunpoint in the 9700 block of Broken Land Parkway. Two suspects took wallets and cell phones from victims. No injuries.*

***ARREST:** In the Aug. 10 case, police have arrested Shawn Tyree Croston, 17, of 6567 Sweet Fern in Columbia and charged him as an adult with armed robbery, assault and theft. Police are still investigating the second suspect in this case and working to determine if there are links to the other cases. Note: Croston was in police custody at the time of the two Labor Day robberies and continues to be held on no bond at the Howard County Detention Center.

Police are reminding residents in the Lake Elkhorn area to use caution and call 911 for anything suspicious.

ADDITIONAL ROBBERY

BEAT D5 CORDAGE WALK/ HICKORY RIDGE RD, 9/4 2205: The victim was walking when he was approached by three suspects from behind. One suspect threatened him with an unknown sharp object and demanded money. The victim complied and the suspects fled. No one was injured. The investigation is ongoing. 15-87728

SUSPECTS: three black males, no further description provided

BURGLARY NON-COMMERCIAL

BEAT A3 9800 GWYNN PARK DR, 9/4 1500: Unknown suspect(s) entered an open garage and stole mountain bikes. 15-87683

BEAT D5 6000 HOLLAND CT, 9/6 2152 ATTEMPT: A resident reported seeing a juvenile suspect attempt to enter the home through a rear basement door. No entry was gained. 15-88444

SUSPECT: black male juvenile, 10 to 12, five feet tall, 120 pounds, brown hair, wearing black clothing

BEAT C3 6300 WINDHARP WAY, 9/7 1215: A suspect stole a bike from an unsecured garage. 15-88626

SUSPECT: black male teenager, wearing a white t-shirt and black shorts

BEAT C3 6700 SECOND MORNING CT, 9/6 1900 TO 9/7 1800: Unknown suspect(s) entered a fenced yard and stole a mountain bike. 15-88722

VEHICLE THEFT AND ATTEMPTS

BEAT E3 HILLS INSTALLATION SERVICE, 9100 WHISKEY BOTTOM RD, 9/7 1358:

02 Ford Van MD 07X652 15-88656

DESTRUCTION OF PROPERTY—VEHICLES

BEAT E2 CARMAX, 8800 FREESTATE DR, 9/7 0135: A group of teenage suspects entered the property, entered unlocked vehicles with the keys inside and drove them around the parking lot. Police responded and arrested six suspects. One suspect is still outstanding. No one was injured, but multiple vehicles were damaged. 15-88526

ARRESTED: Four 15-year-old male juveniles from Columbia, one 15-year-old male juvenile from Baltimore and one 14-year-old male juvenile from Columbia

###